Applications

Nurses from the Uniformed Services have priority for admissions. Nurses employed in federal agencies nominated and supported by their agency are eligible for admission to the PhD program on a space available basis.

Admission Criteria:

• Master's degree in nursing or related field at an accredited school with a minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.

• Current license of eligibility for licensure in any of the 50 states and territories.

• Current Curriculum Vitae.

• Official evidence of scores on the Graduate Record Exam (within 5 years).

• Clear and succinct statement of the applicant's reason for PhD study and a match to faculty programs of research. Submit an essay, term paper, thesis, published article or professional report to demonstrate ability to communicate logic and concepts.

• Computer literacy with proficiency in word processing, email, and internet use.

• Three letters of reference from professors or other professionals, who can adequately evaluate the applicant's potential for success.

• An interview with PhD faculty members to assess the applicant, link research interests with USU faculty expertise, intent and level of motivation for successful completion of PhD study.

• The GSN application information can be found on the USU GSN website http://www.usuhs.mil for download.

Flexible study options include full-time and part-time progression with intensive (on-campus classes) and selected internet-based learning.

Accreditation

The USU is accredited by the Commission of Higher Education, Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools.
• The PhD Program in Nursing is designed to address the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) Quality Indicators for Doctoral Programs.

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The USU GSN is the place for leadership and learning with unique preparation for Nursing's contributions to the nation's health.

UNIFORMED SERVICES UNIVERSITY
of the Health Sciences
Graduate School of Nursing

PhD Program in Nursing Science

The Graduate School of Nursing (GSN) at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USU) is focused on preparing health care professionals for practice, administration, research and education in Military and Federal Health Care Systems. The University is located in Bethesda, Maryland on the spacious grounds of the National Naval Medical Center, across the street from the National Institutes of Health and the National Library of Medicine.

Established by Congressional action in 1993, the GSN's mission is derived from the mission statement of the USU. In 2003, the PhD program in Nursing Science was congressionally created to develop nursing leaders and scientists to address emerging issues in Military and Federal Health Care Systems. The GSN is dedicated to a quality and unique education that prepares advanced practices nurses, scientists and leaders to deliver care and services during peace, war, and other contingencies. Outstanding faculty and staff provide the Nation with nursing professionals and scholars dedicated to a career of service to the Uniformed Services and federal agencies.

The GSN curriculum is designed to provide practice, research and educational experiences relevant to both military operation and federal health care. The curriculum has three focused research and practice areas: Operational Readiness in the Changing Environment, Clinical Decision-Making in the Federal Health Care Delivery System and Global, Enviornmental, Cultural and Political Context, with cross cutting emphasis on patient safety, leadership & health policy, evidenced based practice/research, transition of technology to practice & education and health promotion for warriors & families.

To provide the science needed for military and federal nursing practice and health policy, GSN faculty initiate research in four key areas: Health Promotion with an emphasis on Psychological Health, Wounded Warriors with Traumatic Brain injury, Families: Healthy and in Crisis, as well as, Evidence Based Practice/Outcomes and Patient Safety. These areas of research require basic science/laboratory studies, as well as, social science and clinical investigation using both qualitative and quantitive methods. Colleagues interested in building science for military and federal situations are invited to join our faculty in their scholarly endeavors.

The PhD Program in Nursing Science includes a common core of required courses and electives. The program consist of five areas of concentration: *1) Nursing science; 2) Research methods, statistics, and designs; 3) Cognates/ Electives; 4) Federal and military health care policy and ethics; and 5) Dissertation research.*

Opportunities for research development:

» Structured research rotations to broaden and improve scientific expertise.

» Interdisciplinary research collaborations.

» Research participation in interdisciplinary DoD and federal research sites.

The Faye Glenn Abdellah Center for Military and Federal Health Care Research:

The purpose of the Faye Glenn Abdellah Center for Military and Federal Health Care Research is to create a vigorous research environment that provides multiple levels of support that include the processing of grant applications, grants management, and to seminars in research development.

A major objective of the Center is to facilitate research funding for faculty and students. The center is developing mechanisms for securing research support relevant to the Military, Public Health Service and the Veterans Administration. Faculty and students are encouraged to present their research and scholarly outcomes at local, regional, national and international conferences.

Excellent resources enhance the GSN learning environment:

Interdisciplinary Faculty Strength

• Thirty-four faculty members have an exceptional blend of research experience in the military and/or the federal health system.
• Adjunct faculty members with established programs of research provide additional valuable experience across services and disciplines.
• Strong interdisciplinary research programs in evolving federal health areas such as:
  Military medicine
  Preventive medicine
  Neuroregeneration
  Health systems management
  Military families
• Ready access to cognate courses in School of Medicine Graduate Programs such as:
  Behavioral Sciences
  Health and International Policy
  Physiology/Genetics
  Preventive Medicine & Biometrics
  Neurobiology

Facilities & Opportunities

• Learning Resource Center.
• Biologic Instrumentation Center.
• Computing Center.
• Bioformatics Center.
• Access to large federal databases.

Library and Reference Material

The school's location enables ready access to extensive national library resources at USU, National Institute of Health, National Naval Medical Center, and the National Library of Medicine.